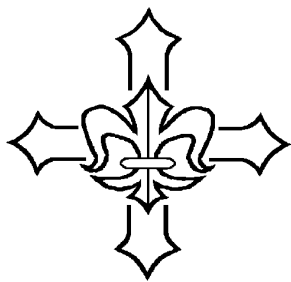


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 14th March 2010

Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion	<i>President & Preacher:</i>	David Busk
Sung Eucharist	<i>President & Preacher:</i>	David Busk
	<i>Deacon:</i>	Mary Jepp
Readers	John and Gill Bathurst-Hoile	
Readings	1 Samuel 1:20 - end; Colossians 3:12 - 17	
Gospel	John 19:25b - 27	
Intercessions	David Ferris	
Hymns	413, 387, 137, Amazing Grace	omit any * verses
Communion	369, 302	
Sung Evensong	David Busk	
Readings	Isaiah 40 vv 27 – 41: 13, 2 Timothy 4: vv 1 – 18	
Hymns	467, 457, 235	omit any * verses
Psalm	30	

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Riverside Mill Flats and Bridge Place

Charity of the month: DHIVerse

Holy Communion. All are welcome at the altar rail. If you are a communicant member of your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Or if you would like to receive a Blessing, please come forward with a hymn book, kneel at the rail and bow your head.

Youth Group cake sale today!

The youth group will be holding a cake sale ***after the 9.45 service today*** to help raise funds for their tickets to the Greenbelt Christian arts festival in August. Please do stay for coffee if you can and consider making a purchase to go with your cuppa or to take away.

Many thanks. Jen Weedon

Taizé Service

There will be a service of Taizé songs and prayers at Huntingdon Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 14 March. All are welcome.

For more information contact Pat Saunders (354764; pat.saunders23@ntlworld.com).

St Anne's CE Primary School: Appointment of Headteacher

The Governing Body of St Anne's C of E Primary School is delighted to announce that it has appointed ***Mr Adrian Shepherd***, currently Deputy Head at Houghton Primary School, as Headteacher of St Anne's, with effect from the beginning of the Summer Term 2010. Many people in the Parish will be especially pleased about this appointment as they remember with affection Adrian's time as a server in the Church, so he is very much one of our own! Not to mention Derek, Jennifer, Heide and Naomi's part in all of this too!

We all send our love to him and wish him well.

Pancake Race - Although the pancake race had to be cancelled last Sunday due to the snowy conditions, Children's Church would like to say a big thank you to the congregation who, between them, donated £72.33 at the end of the service. Thank you! We needed to raise £60 in order to purchase a herd of goats for Burundi, so have managed this, and will now be trying to purchase something else – pigs seemed a popular suggestion. Further donations can still be made to any Children's Church leader. During Lent, we will continue to collect coins for Christian Aid and hope to make a coin line on Good Friday.

Angela Wright (437090).

Sidespersons have to be re-elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting so I shall soon be preparing the list of names to be submitted for election. If any member currently on the rota wishes to stand down or any parishioner who would wish to be included on the rota please advise me as soon as possible. ***Peter Hartwell 453336 or peter.hartwell@btinternet.com.***

Frugal Lunch –

On ***Sunday 21 March at 12.30pm*** in the Church Hall. ***Tickets available from Val Pithey (454851); Adults £3.00, Children £1.50.***

Prizes for the raffle will be welcomed. All proceeds donated to Christian Aid.

Val Pithey

Time 2 Talk - Please join us for a cuppa, a cake and a bit of a chat on ***Wednesday 17 March between 2.00 and 3.30 at Queen Elizabeth School***. Everyone welcome! more information ***contact Mary Jepp on 411734 or Gill Bathurst-Hoile on 465442***

Deanery Evensong

On Palm Sunday, 28 March, a Deanery Evensong will be held in our church at 6.30. The preacher will be the Right Reverend John Flack, the former Bishop of Huntingdon, and a choir of 60 will lead the singing. Every effort is being made to ensure that this will be a memorable occasion and it is hoped that many members of our congregation will be able to attend. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Ken Diffey

Celebration of the Passion

So he sent two of his disciples telling them "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters the Teacher asks – Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready; make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city, and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover – Mark 14 V 13-16

On Wednesday 31 March at 7.00 pm, we will hold our celebration of the Passover Supper in church, followed by Compline.

Entrance will only be by ticket. For adults the cost will be £ 3.00, but for students and children there will be no charge.

Gillian Bathurst Hoile 01480 465442

Prayer Corner

Wednesday, 17 March is St Patrick's Day. As we give thanks for the life of St Patrick, we also pray for Ireland, that the peace so hard-won, would continue as the months and years go by.

Thank You - I would like to thank all the Flower Guild members very much for my lovely flowers and presents you so kindly gave me as I stepped down from the committee; I was over whelmed by your generosity. Thank you all for your love and support over the last few years and I would like to wish Sandra Sturgeon and the committee all the very best for the future and hope the Flower Guild will continue to go from strength to strength .

Jean Miller

Website Fundraising

I have received a cheque from EasyFundraising for £44.09 to cover the final quarter of last year. This brings the total raised in 2009 through the links on the parish website to £146.29, and the total since starting this scheme just over two years ago to £252.84 This sum of money has been achieved by a few people changing their habits slightly when using the internet. The more of us that do this, the more money we can raise for the Church. If you search the internet at all, or shop online, do please consider using the links on the Church website. It won't cost you anything and the Church will benefit. Thank you to those people who have helped us benefit already.

Paul Sibley

Newsletter Compiler

Bizz Thackray will be Newsletter compiler for February and March. Contact Bizz on (457722) or bizzthackray@hotmail.com. Contributions should be in by 8pm on the Thursday before publishing.

DIARY

Sunday 14th March Mothering Sunday

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:30 *Taizé Service (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 18:45 *NO Youth Group*

Monday 15th March

- 19:30 *GMC 800 Meeting (QE School)*

Tuesday 16th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 17th March

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 14:00 *Time 2 Talk (QE School)*
- 19:30 *Lent House Group (59 London Road)*

Thursday 18th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *Youth Group Leaders' Meeting*
- 19:30 *Deanery Evensong Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

Friday 19th March

- 19:15 *Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Sunday 21st March

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 12:00 *Frugal Lunch*
- 18.30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth Alpha (Church Hall)*

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